ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image transcription apparatus includes a random access recording medium which has a picture data recording area, a attribute data recording area and a thumbnail image data recording area for storing image data indicating features of the picture data in correspondence to the attribute data. A memory is employed which has a work area used upon recording of the picture data on the recording medium and reproduction therefrom, an attribute data storage area for storing the attribute data recorded on the recording medium and a shared storage area used for storing temporarily the picture data upon recording and reproduction. The shared storage area is so arranged as to be capable of storing the thumbnail image data when the picture data is neither being recorded nor reproduced. The attribute data and the thumbnail image data can speedily be displayed on the display unit.